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Examiner: **Joseph T. Pan**

For: **Cryptographic Puzzle Cancellation Service For Deterring Bulk Electronic Mail Messages**

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**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.116**

In response to the Official Action dated **October 29, 2008**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page                      of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page                      of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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